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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON COLUMN ON AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. REUTERS ITEM ON ANDERSON COLUMN WAS CARRIED WIDELY IN INDIAN PRESS AUGUST 23. SO FAR ONLY PUBLIC REACTION OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE WAS EXPRESSION OF "SURPRISE" BY REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA THAT FAA FOUND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT DELHI INADEQUATE. SPOKESMAN CONTINUED THAT AIRPORTS AUTHORITY HAD HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH FAA ON THIS SUBJECT, AND SECURITY HAD IMPROVED AT AIRPORT IN LAST YEAR.

2. IN EFFORT TO CUT OUR LOSSES IN THIS UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR, EMBASSY AUGUST 23 SENT BRIEF LETTER TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION AND CHAIRMAN OF AIRPORTS AUTHORITY ENCLOSING
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FAA BOILERPLATE (PARA 4 REF A).

3. INDIANS WILL CLEARLY NOT BE FLATTERED BY ANDERSON COLUMN CRITICISM OF SECURITY AT PALAM AIRPORT. INCIDENT IS ESPECIALLY DISTRESSING GOVEN GOOD RELATIONSHIP EMBASSY AND FAAEN ENJOYING WITH INDIAN CIVAIR OFFICIALS TYPIFIED BY VISIT OF FAA DEPUTY ASST. ADMINISTRATOR EARLIER THIS MONTH. WE GUESS, HOWEVER, THAT NEGATIVE IMPACT WILL BE SOFTENED BY FACT OF INDIANS FINDING THEMSELVES IN COMPANY OF HEATHROW AND OTHER MAJOR WESTERN AIRPORTS.

4. MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM WILL BE IM PARLIAMENT'S UPPER HOUSE AUGUST 27 AND LOWER HOSE AUGUST 30 FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED QUESTION PERIODS. WE WILL BE WATCHING TO SEE WHAT, IF ANYTHING, OPPOSITION TRIES TO MAKE OF ALLEGED US CRITICISM. MOYNIHAN

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